

REMARKS

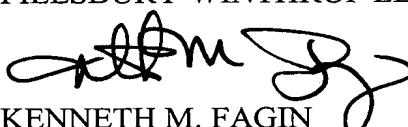
Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-15 are pending in the Application, with claims 13-15 being withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 1, 2, and 6-12 are allowed, and claim 4 is objected to as being dependent on a previously canceled claim. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of this Application.

As requested in the Office Action, Applicant has canceled the non-elected claims 13-15, which are being prosecuted in a corresponding divisional Application.

Claim 4 is objected to for being dependent on canceled claim 3. The limitations of claim 3 were incorporated into claim 1 previously, by way of a Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Applicant submits that this correction overcomes the objection.

In view of the foregoing, all claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and timely Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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